

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 14, 102, and 104 through 107 are pending, with Claims 104, 106, and 107 being independent. Claims 1 through 13, 16 through 19, 21, 22, 36 through 48, 72 through 97, 99 through 101, and 103 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 14 and 102 have been amended. Claims 104 through 107 have been added.

Claims 12 through 14, 16 through 19, 21, 22, and 97, and 99 through 103 were rejected yet again under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,240,555 B1 (Shoff, et al.), 6,567,427 B1 (Suzuki, et al.), and 6,675,385 B1 (Wang), and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/000962 A1 (Rajan), with Shoff, et al. and Wang being newly-cited. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 104, 106, and 107 recite, *inter alia*, synthesizing the specified images based on the user layout data read out from the storage in accordance with the detected program ID when it is determined that the detected and registered program IDs are coincident, and synthesizing those images based on the basic layout and the character command when it is determined that the detected and registered program IDs are not coincident.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Shoff, et al., Suzuki, et al., Wang, and Rajan, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 104, 106, and 107.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

By means of such features, Applicants respectfully submit that a user may watch a television program in a layout which corresponds to the program ID and has been set up by him or her. See, e.g., Fig. 23. Of course, the claims are not limited to the foregoing or to the disclosed embodiments.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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